



CALIFORNIA JUVENILE JUSTICE TRENDS UPDATE

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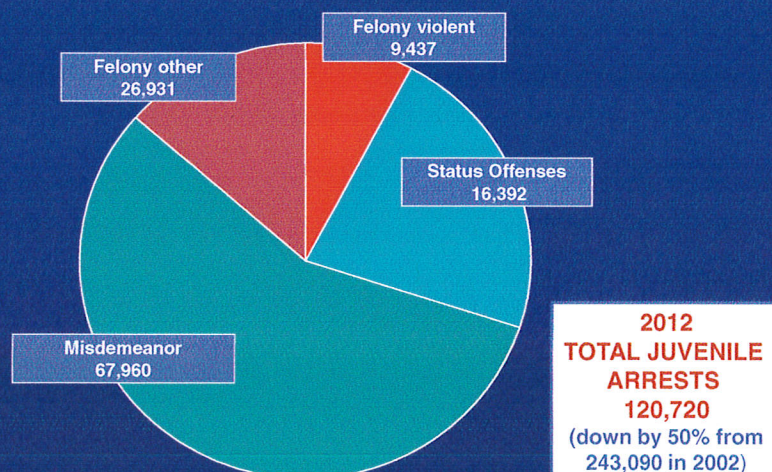
- ☑ **Juvenile crime and incarceration trends**
 - Arrest and incarceration trends
 - Juveniles tried & sentenced as adults
- ☑ **Juvenile Justice Realignment**
 - Division of Juvenile Justice– Realignment impact
 - County level programs and facilities– Realignment challenges
- ☑ **State-local juvenile justice grant programs**
 - Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG), Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA), Other state local funds
- ☑ **National and state law and policy trends**
 - Shifting legal & constitutional framework: U.S. Supreme Court decisions, adolescent science
 - California law adapts to the changing paradigm
- ☑ **BSCC Juvenile Justice mission & mandates**
 - How the work of BSCC relates to these issues and trends

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California juvenile arrest, incarceration & adult court trends

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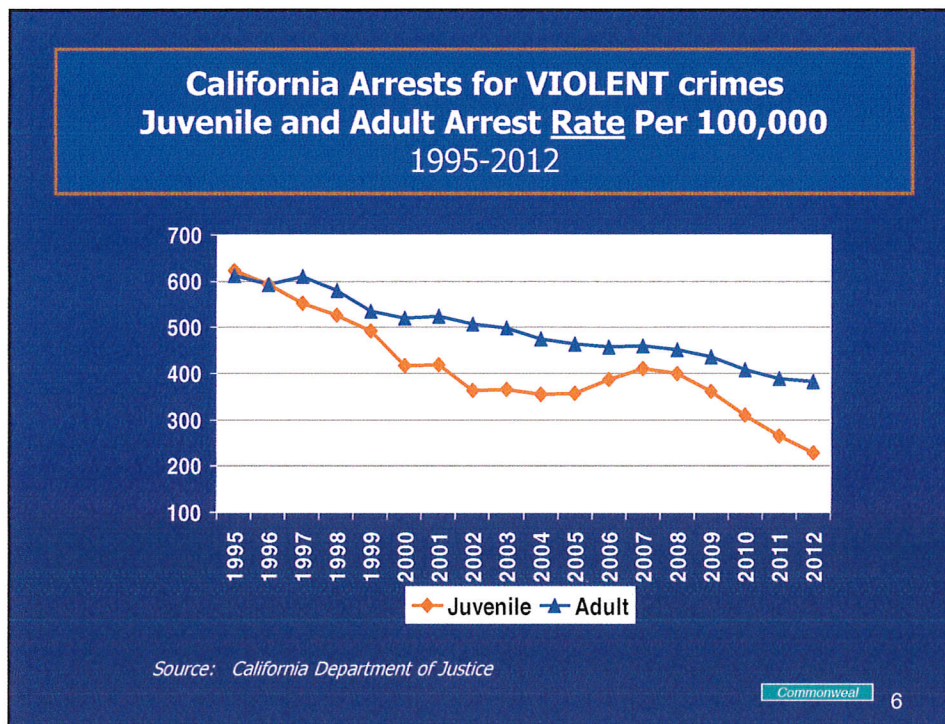
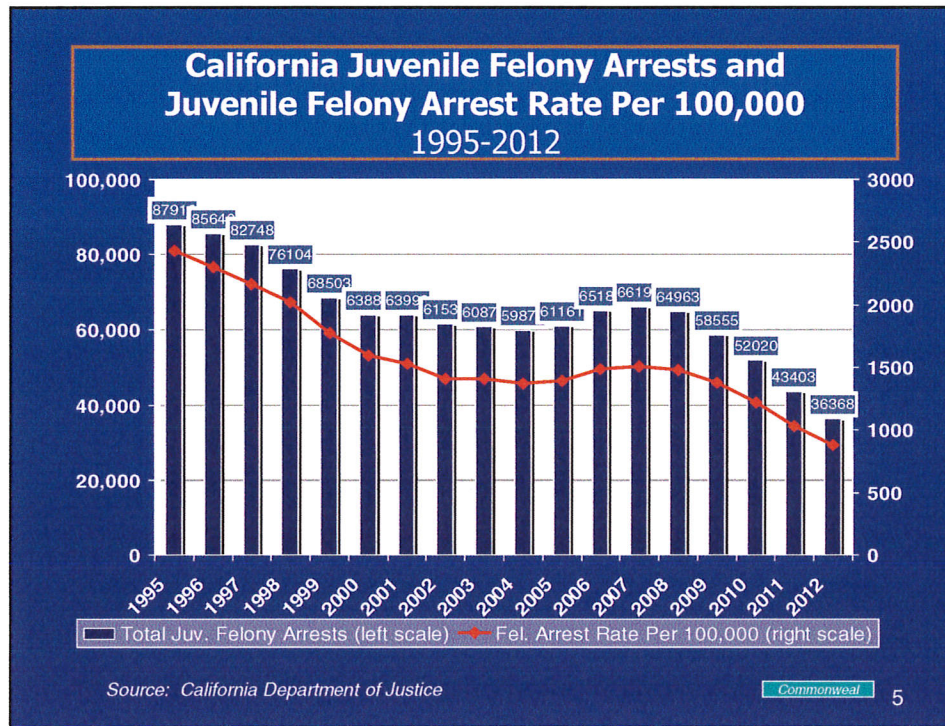
California Arrests of Juveniles 2012

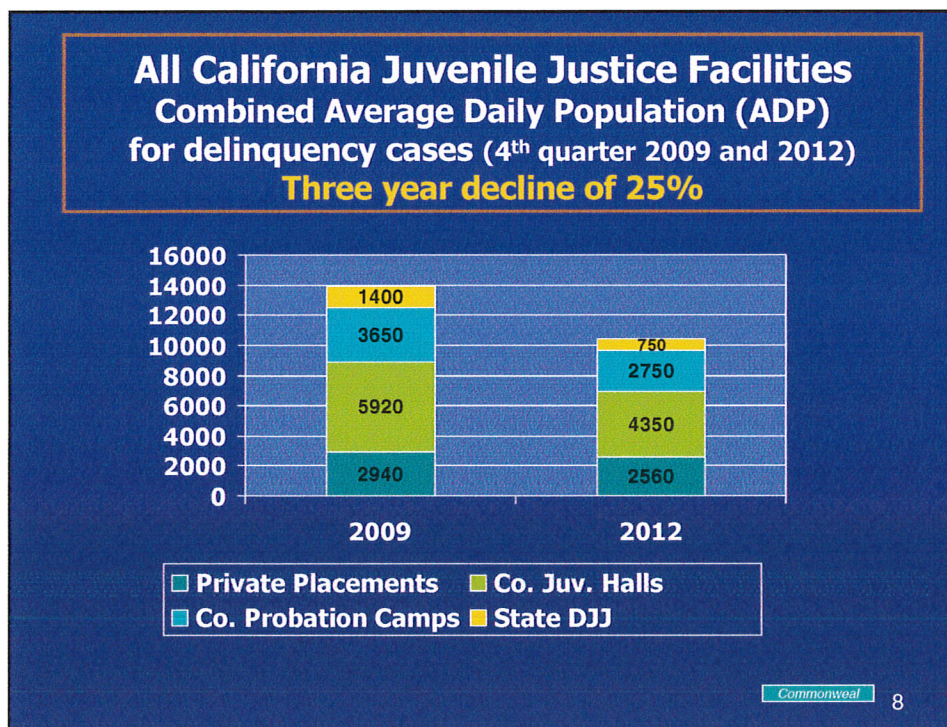
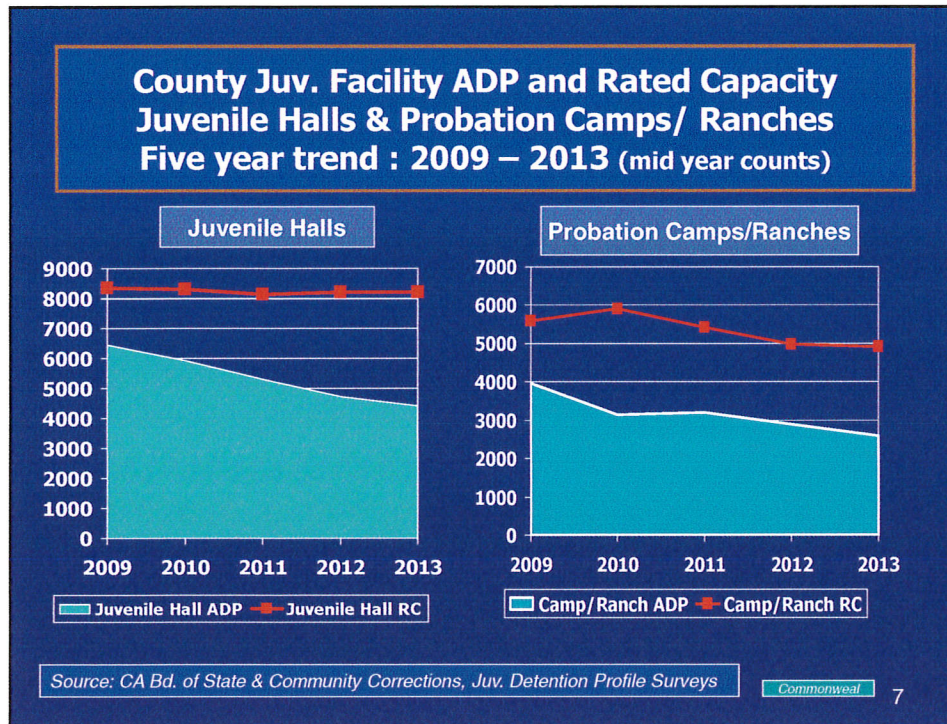


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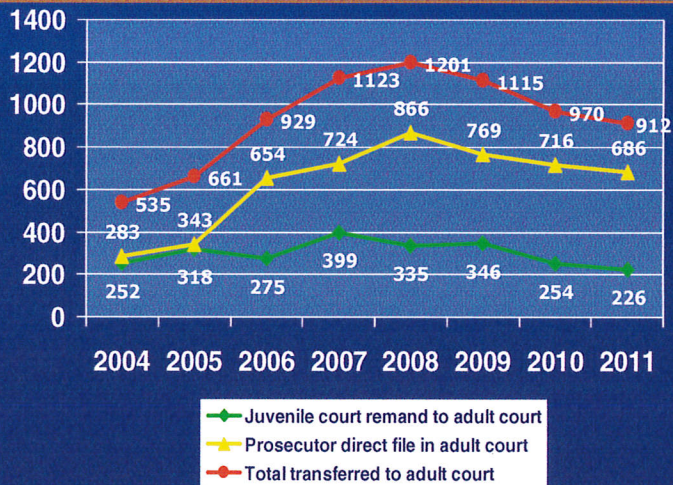
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California Transfers of Juveniles to Adult Criminal Court 2004 - 2011

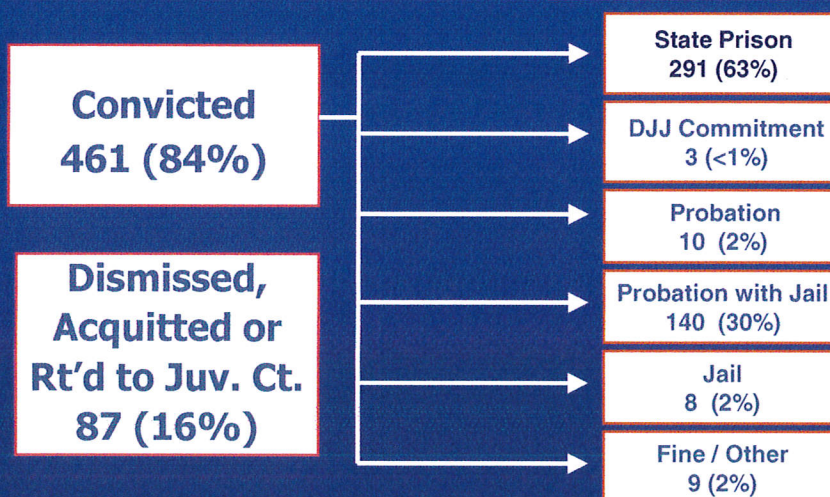


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Adult Court Dispositions of Juveniles – 2011 (N = 548 dispositions)



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Juvenile Justice Realignment: The CA Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)

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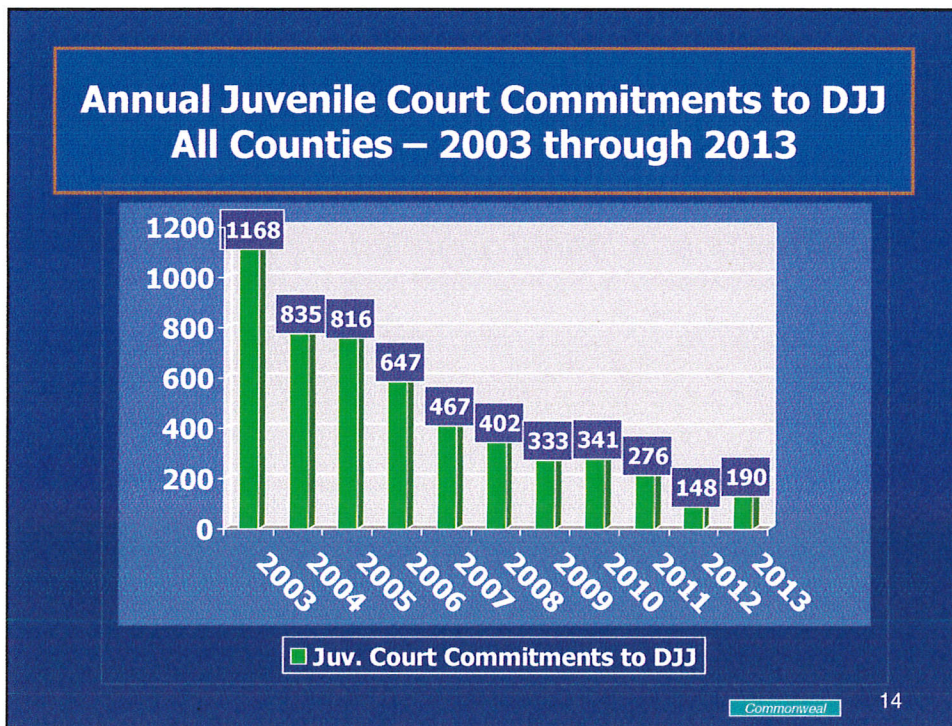
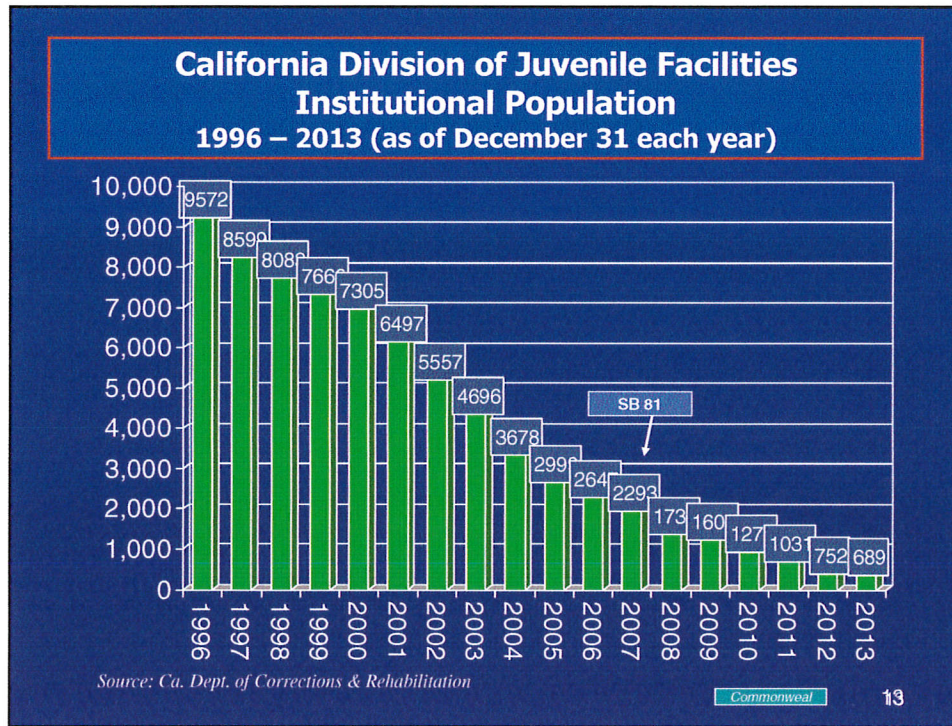
Downsizing the CA Div. of Juvenile Justice Major Milestones 1996 -2013

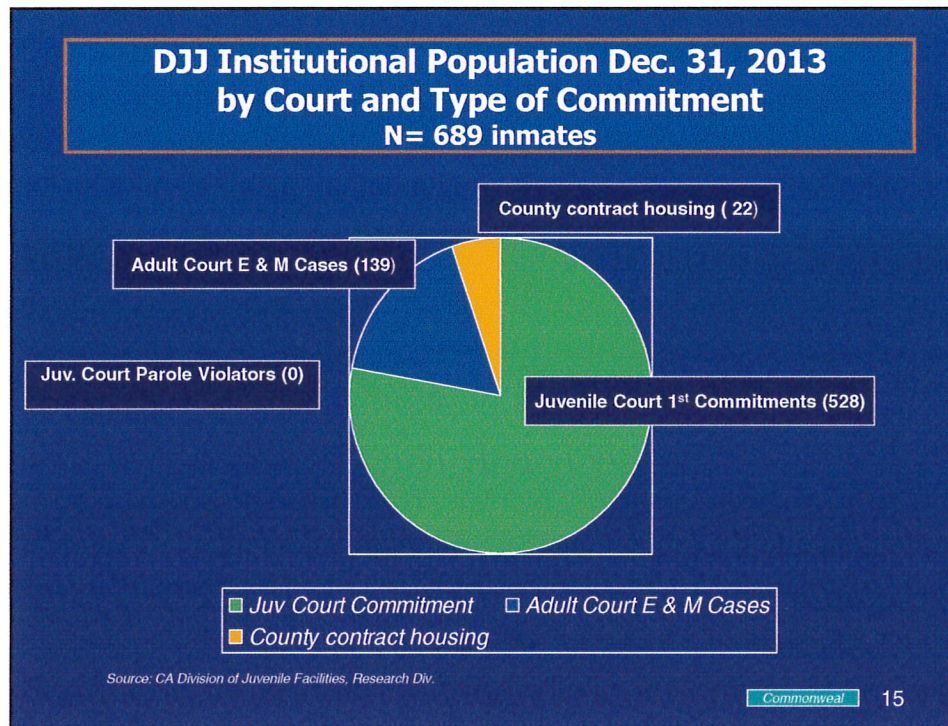
- ❑ 1996: Sliding scale fees imposed for level V-VII commitments– CYA population drops swiftly
- ❑ 2000: Proposition 21 opens new doors to adult court
- ❑ 2004: Consent Decree in Farrell case vs. CYA– generates program costs that are catalysts for SB 81
- ❑ 2007: SB 81 bans future commitments of non-707 youth
- ❑ 2010: DJJ parole is realigned to county probation
- ❑ 2012: Governor proposes to close DJJ, proposal dies but time adds are banned, age of jurisdiction is lowered



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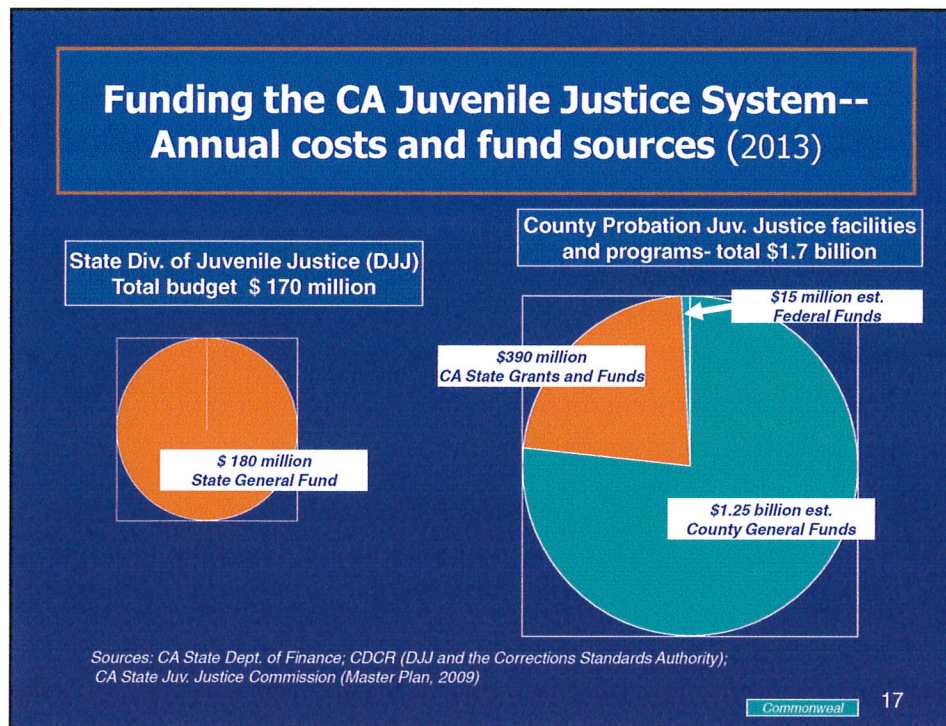




DJJ Realignment implementation-- County issues and continuing challenges

- ❑ **State Auditor's Report (Sep. 2012)** slams BSCC and Legislature on SB 81 (YOBG) performance measures and reporting
- ❑ **How are "realigned" juveniles doing at the county level?**
 - Performance and youth outcome data are generally lacking
 - We see varied county programs and uses of YOBG funds:
 - Special custody programs-- e.g. Los Angeles "SB 81" camp
 - Juvenile halls increasingly used for commitments-- a growing but poorly documented concern
 - Re-entry grants-- we have no data tracking outcomes
 - Still unresolved: meeting mental health, other local treatment needs
- ❑ **State oversight of juvenile justice realignment--**
 - BSCC has only limited oversight functions-- in effect local courts and probation departments make their own spending & program decisions

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State support for local juvenile justice operations under 2011-12 realignment

Fund or Program	FY 12/13	FY 13/14
2007 Juv. Justice Realignment (SB 81)	\$93 million	\$ 103 million
2010 Div. Juv. Justice Parole Realignment	\$ 6 million	\$ 6 million
Juv. Justice Crime Prev. Act (JJCPA)	\$ 107 million	\$ 107 million
Juvenile Probation Camp Funds- Camps	\$29 million	\$29 million
Juvenile Probation Camp Funds- Programs	\$ 152 million	\$ 152 million
TOTAL	\$ 387 million	\$ 397 million

Sources: CA Dept of Finance, Ca. State Association of Counties

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National law & policy trends in juvenile justice: A shifting legal framework

- ❑ **Recent US Supreme Court Sentencing cases**
 - Impose limits on life sentences for juveniles based on developmental differences & "diminished culpability"
- ❑ **Findings in adolescent science drive law and program changes**
 - Research explains adolescent behavior based on brain development
 - Education and juvenile justice agencies adapt—e.g., school discipline reforms
 - Wide movement to "downsize" state youth corrections; some states alter laws to restore juvenile jurisdiction
- ❑ **California laws adapt too**
 - SB 9 & SB 260: Sentence reviews for prisoners w/ crimes committed as juveniles
 - Pending legislation: e.g., proposals for auto-dismissal and auto-sealing of delinquency records, questions about lifetime juv. sex offender registration
- ❑ **CA Juvenile Justice Data Systems need upgrading to inform these policy and practice reforms**

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Board of State and Community Corrections Juvenile Justice Mission & Mandates

BSCC Juvenile Justice mandates include

- ☑ Grants admin.: JJCPA, YOBG, construction, gang grants, fed. funds
- ☑ Facility standards and inspection (camps/ ranches, juv. halls, jails)
- ☑ Data and technical assistance mandates
- ☑ Broader leadership mission to promote best-practices

Juvenile Justice Committees

- ☑ SACJJDP has approved fed. fund grants to address:
 - Race & Ethnic Disparities in the JJ System
 - Evidence-based practice development
 - Data development
- ☑ JJ Standing Committee is working on:
 - Upgrading & coordination of state/local JJ data systems
 - Juvenile Justice- Education issues
 - Juvenile Justice- Mental Health issues
 - Facility issues—e.g., PREA implementation

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